GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SAFETY OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) norms prohibit any construction with 100 metres from any Protected Heritage Monuments;

(b) if so, whether any violation of this rule has been noticed by the Government;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the proposed construction of a bridge across Yamuna near Tuglakabad in Delhi;

(d) if so, the construction is in full adherence to the rules;

(e) whether opinion of the ASI has been sought in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of the measures taken for safety of the protected monuments?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) has issued a notification declaring areas upto 100 metres from the protected limits of centrally protected monuments as a `Prohibited` areas where all construction are prohibited. Further 200 metres beyond this limit has been declared as `Regulated` area, where construction activities are not permitted except in accordance with prescribed terms and conditions. Any person desirous of undertaking a construction project in prohibited/regulated area is required to approach ASI to obtain its `no objection`. However, some instances of unauthorized constructions have been noticed.

(c) ASI has not been approached for issuance of `no objection` for any such project/ proposal.

(d)to(f) Question does not arise.

(g) The Archaeological Survey of India undertakes regular conservation measures as per archaeological norms subject to the availability of resources. In addition to the regular watch and ward staff, private security guards, State Police guards and CISF have also been provided for safety and security of the selected monuments. Efforts have also been made to fence the protected areas of the monuments in a phased manner.